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## Recreational All-Stars!



Chesterfield United Players got a great opportunity to showcase their talents recently at the 1st annual recreational All Star Weekend held at Ironbridge park.

[Read more.](#)

**Spring  
Registration  
Opens  
12/15/09**

CHESTERFIELD UNITED FC

WINTER 2009

Former Chesterfield Player, Will Bates, takes time out to answer some questions as he heads to the NCAA Championships with UVA.

UVA will advance to the NCAA semi-final match against Wake Forest on Friday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m.



Will Bates has been instrumental to the team's success in this, his freshman year. He took some time out to answer some questions for United FC.

[Read the Q & A.](#)

## Chesterfield United FC Wins Eight League Titles!



### [VSLI](#)

It was an amazing fall season in the Virginia Soccer League for United FC travel teams. The U12 Elite girls, U13 Elite girls & U17 Elite girls as well as the U12 Elite boys, U13 Elite boys, U14 Elite boys, U15 Elite boys & U18 Elite boys all finished in the top spot of their perspective divisions. "Having 8 teams win their division is a great accomplishment for the players, coaches and club. I am especially proud of these teams but just as proud of our teams that may not have finished in the top teir of their divisions, but showed progress and developed into formidable teams that will compete for their division crowns in the spring season!"

-Kevin Darcy

## Technically Speaking

### **Kevin Darcy, Technical Director**

It's hard to believe Christmas is fast approaching and that you are actually reading this newsletter instead of shopping or celebrating the holiday's and the new year to come. I would like to thank all of our members for a great 2009 and instead of focusing on the techniques and tactics of the game - I will take some time to address sportsmanship and the life lessons learned by playing a team sport and being a part of a club or



## Travel Tryouts

Sat., 12/12/09  
Goyne Park  
10am - 12pm  
AGE GROUPS  
U9 - U14

[Register Now](#)

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BEFORE 12/15 TO  
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Centre of Excellence

CUFC is offering Winter  
Training  
at Shooters starting  
in January.

[CLICK HERE](#) for  
complete details and  
registration form.

## 2nd Annual Overnight Camp



United FC is excited to  
announce the dates  
for the second annual  
"Total Soccer  
Experience" Overnight  
Camp to be held at  
Christchurch School in  
Saluda, Virginia. The  
camp will take from  
July 25th-29th and is  
open to boys & girls  
ages U11-U15.

organization.

[Read more.](#)

## Directors of Player Development

### Joe Farrell: Acedemy and UDP, Boys and Girls U9 - U12



For me success means many things: GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, FRIENDS & FUN, COMPETITION AND MOVING UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL. I feel that the academy has had these successes the 2009 fall season.

[Click Here](#) to download the full Academy/UDP report.

### Cristian Neagu: Boys U13 - U16



With the fall season coming to an end, I would like to take a moment and reflect on the recent season for the U13 - U16 Boys. In these age groups we have some things that went excellent and we have some things that we need to do little better job with. Our U13 Elite & U15 Elite won their Premier Division, both with a little set back at the beginning of the season but they put a great string of results together to come back and finish on top. U14 Elite won all their games to gain promotion into on a very competitive Premier Division and are looking forward to tough spring season. Our classic teams in the U13 - U16 division, made some great strides forward in terms of their development which falls in line with our clubs vision. There are a few things that we will look to adjust on couple classic teams over the winter break, this will give them a little better experience this spring. Overall, I am very happy with the program this fall.

### Heather Pedersen: Girls U13 - U16



Congratulations to all the U13-U18 girls teams to a very successful season. Five out of seven teams finished in third place or higher. Congratulations to the U13 Elite and U17 Elite teams for winning their respective Premier Divisions, and U16 Elite team for being only 2 points away from clinching sole possession of second place. [Read more.](#)

### Martin Dell: College Prep, Boys and Girls U17 - U19



Congratulations to the UFC U17 Girls Elite and the UFC Fredericksburg U18 Boys Elite on successfully capturing VSLI Premier Championships this fall. The U17 Girls Elite compiled an unbeaten 7-0-1 record and scored a staggering 46 goals while only conceding 7. The U18 UFC Fredericksburg Boys Elite also finished with an unbeaten record of 7-0-0 whilst also scoring a very impressive 29 goals and

[Click here to download camp information.](#)

## PASL Opening Victory



Richmond United FC opened the PASL season with a resounding 11-2 victory over Quantum Force FC of West Virginia on Saturday night.

Chesterfield United has partnered with SCOR Sports Center of Richmond to host this Premier Arena Soccer League Indoors. United FC will take the court against FC Dulles next Sunday for an afternoon kickoff to begin at 12:30 PM. Don't miss this opportunity to see United FC staff Cristian Neagu, Joe Farrell, Greg Ridout and Jules Kamdem take the court coached by Kevin Darcy and Martin Dell. Tickets for the match are \$5 for adults, \$3 for youth and free for children under 10. For information on the PASL go to [www.arenaleague.com](http://www.arenaleague.com)

## Survey Results

Chesterfield United appreciates your time and efforts with responding to our recent club survey. The 2009 Membership Survey was a success, with 345 responses representing approximately 430 players.

Some of the highlights include members' satisfaction with the program cost (90%), game locations (94%), quality of coaches (93%), and online registration (94%).

Eighty-eight percent stated that they would recommend CUFC to neighbors and friends.

Based on all of the feedback, CUFC is considering any areas of concern and are working diligently to improve our product at all levels of the club. Since we care about our memberships feedback,

only conceding 3 all season

## College Prep Timelines

Whenever possible, we encourage you to begin early...as early as the 7th or 8th grade! Time is the one thing that you cannot regain once it is gone. For those athletes who are in their final high school year, do not despair! We can help you identify and prepare for the critical steps that you must take.

*NOTE: Athletes who have begun the process late or those who have not received the type of scholarship offer they desire may opt to adjust their timeline and choose to take their first year of college locally. This allows the athlete time to mature and develop into the type of student athlete that the schools of their dreams require. Students could also use this time to upgrade their GPA, redo the SAT's etc.*

[Click Here](#) to download Timeline Document.

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## Rec *(continued)*

U8, U10 & U12 players from various teams played under the lights with great skill and passion before a good crowd of parents, coaches and staff from United FC. All players that participated received a Chesterfield United FC t-shirt and an experience they won't forget. "I was extremely impressed by the level of play and the excitement throughout all 3 games. It is a testament to the hard work that the players and the recreational coaches have put in developing these young players. I am very proud of the kids that participated and look forward to raising the level of excitement in these games this spring!"



## Fall 2009 Recreational All Stars

Hayden Blackburn, Cameron French, Brandt Counts, Kodie Tannor, Thomas Ensley, John Follis, Ashton Hadden, Jacob Simonpietri, Walker Posey, Harrison Ivy, Brooks Taylor, Adam Braithwaite, Daniel Faries, Cassie Capocelli, Hunter Godsey, Max Olsen, Owen Clark, Jefferson Castelo, Matthew Burger, Katrina Kirby, Louis Stroud, Alex Moore, Donald Adams, Josh Walker, Michael Harris, Emily Wells, Samuel Flaughner, Nicholas Scott, Jordan Garrett, Peter Walls, Zachary Glazier, Joshua Martin, Alex Hybner, Austin Bolin, Kevin Brede, Matthew Patterson, Madison Thrasher, Matthew Narron, Ryan Polino, Tyler White, Chris Hardy, Kira Flores, Amber Crittenden, Hannah Castelo, Kayla Foliaco, Jill Smart, Emma Will, Dane Moore, Kelly Reynolds, Andrew Chichester, Matthew Endries, Daniel Wines, Zach Clark, Max Argueta, Dylan Abell, Mitha "Austin" Mith, Seth Showalter, Rachel Honsinger, Matthew Bryant-Rojas, Kyle

CUFC is looking to implement a comment/concern section on the website and a link to sign up for text message alerts regarding field closings. We would like to expedite and enhance our communication mechanisms and feel this is a step in the right direction for our members.

Thanks once again for your support and I hope our efforts improve the experience for your family!

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## Q & A: Will Bates

### Q. What age did you start playing soccer?

*5 years old, for the Chesterfield Flames*

### Q. Do you remember your first coach? Who was it and what impact did he/she have on you?

*My first coaches were my parents and family friends. It was just a recreational league and it was all for fun so they just encouraged me to play each weekend and that's how my love of the game began.*

### Q. What do you remember most from your early soccer experiences?

*I experienced many different coaches who all coached a little differently which was good because I learned something different from each coach. Also, I gained so many friends from playing and many of which became my good friends as I grew older. I always enjoyed scoring goals, from the beginning and still now.*

### Q. How long did you play at Chesterfield United?

*I played with chesterfield for approximately ten years, from age 5 to about age 15.*

### Q. How do you think Chesterfield United might have contributed to your soccer success?

*Chesterfield United contributed a lot to my success in that because we didn't always have the "best players" we were taught to play with heart and a lot of passion for the game. Also, I tended to learn many positions growing up to help my team win. If we needed a goal, I would play forward to try and get more attack. If we needed to defend a lead, I would play defense and by learning all the positions, it helped me gain more soccer knowledge and understand each role on the field.*

### Q. After leaving Chesterfield United, what places/clubs did you go play with?

*After Chesterfield United, I played at Richmond Strikers and for my high school, Thomas Dale. During my first year at Strikers, I was selected to play for the U15 men's national team. From there, I played for the U15/U17/U18 men's national team. I currently play for*

*UVA men's soccer team and from December 16-23, I will be training with the U20 men's national team out in San Diego.*

**Q. What is your most memorable soccer goal? Game?**

*I believe my most memorable goal was a goal I scored at this year's 2009 ACC tournament. In the final, I scored a goal versus NC State which lead us to a 1-0 victory and an ACC championship.*

**Q. After college, do you see yourself playing in the MLS or overseas?**

*I would love to continue my career after college. Hopefully, there will be a club that is interested in me and will give me a trial or draft me. My dream has always been to play pro one day and that goal still exists so I pray for good health and continued success on the field.*

**Q. What was your jersey number when you were at Chesterfield United?**

*I have several numbers, anything from 1 to 13 to 14 to 21 to 9 to 11.*

**Q. Do you have any advice for our young players?**

*The main thing is to keep focused in what you want to do. Soccer is a great sport, tons of fun. Many players play just to have a good time and stay in shape. However, if your dream is to pursue a career in the game or possibly attend college on a scholarship, keep what's important in the back of your head and stay focused. The harder you work, the further you will go. Talent only takes you so far and the rest is controllable.*

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## Technically Speaking *(continued)*

Today's youth athlete's are fortunate and at times unaware of how well they have it. Unlike many kids in the past, all of the players today have soccer balls, shin guards, cleats and some of the nicest soccer apparel available. In addition, the field sites have manicured grass or artificial surfaces, as well as, multiple sets of goals, cones and other training equipment to enhance the experience for the player. Although it is nice for the players and coaches to have all of the best gear and equipment, today's player can be a bit spoiled and tend to struggle with adversity, coachability, demands of the game, as well as, commitment to fitness and technical development. Some players may tend to quit instead of working hard to overcome tough situations and will look to point a finger and place blame instead of taking responsibility for themselves and their play.

Unfortunately, placing blame frequently spills over to the game officials/referees and causes disputes on the sidelines between adult fans of opposing teams. Officials are human and will make mistakes like anyone else. What is most important is that we as a club mandate a respect for the officials, the opposing team, the fans and

ultimately the game itself. It is imperative we keep things in perspective and remember the game is for the players to enjoy. Not only do we represent ourselves at games, but we also represent our team, the coach, the club and the overall organization of Chesterfield United FC.

Some of the greatest, most valuable life lessons I have learned were tough and I didn't realize I was learning them at the time. I have played for teams that have gone undefeated and I have played for teams that have gone winless, but I have always approached each game with the same passion and enthusiasm. Players must learn to be humble in victory and proud after a defeat as long as they put forth a total effort individually and as a team. It is never acceptable to be a poor sport and the ability to keep things in perspective is extremely valuable. As a club it is important that we strive to support and cheer on our teams, but also respect our opponents, the officials, our teammates, our coaches, the fans, the club and most of all ourselves.

With almost 2 years spent now as the technical director for United FC I am proud to say that there have been very few incidents of poor sportsmanship displayed by players, coaches or fans of our club. What I do hope is that life lessons are being learned everyday and that all of our players will not only become good soccer players, but more importantly become great people that contribute to society and eventually give back to the youth of tomorrow.

On behalf of Chesterfield United FC, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. I appreciate the time, efforts and support you provide for the club and am looking forward to a tremendous 2010. Hope to see you at one of our PASL games at SCOR, at our winter training or our indoor league matches over the next couple of months.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Darcy  
Technical Director

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#### **Girls U13 - U16 (continued)**

It is unfortunate the Capital Fall Classic was cancelled due to weather. All of our girl's teams had very good match ups and very good chances to be successful in the tournament. I was really looking forward to the weekend after the success we had over the Columbus Day weekend in Virginia Beach. All teams who were scheduled to play in the Capital Fall Classic will have a makeup tournament during the winter or spring.

Although the fall season has come to an end, it is no time stop playing! There are plenty of winter training opportunities to take advantage of and keep your skills from getting rusty. The Centre of Excellence sessions will be held on Fridays at Shooters starting January 8, 2010. These sessions will focus on technical skills and are offered to U9-U15 players. There is also a Striker and Goalkeeping session that is open to all age groups; more information about Centre of Excellence can be found on our website, [www.unitedfcvirginia.com](http://www.unitedfcvirginia.com). The winter is a great time to touch up on

individual skills as well as learn new ones.

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